Committee to Oversee MPLADS

1228. SMT. BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT R. JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the MPs face several difficulties in the proper implementation of the MPLADS schemes;

(b) if so, whether the Government will consider appointing a standing committee on the lines of the Employment Guarantee Scheme Committee of Maharashtra Legislature, to oversee the MPLADS scheme;

(c) whether the Government would also consider to bring out a compendium of instructions and guidelines and Rules and Regulations for the MPLADS based on the experience gathered during the last 3 years; and

(d) what steps are being taken to see that the scheme is made more efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Some Members of Parliament have complained to the Government about the difficulties being experienced by them in the proper implementation of the Scheme.

(b) There is no proposal presently under the consideration of the Government for establishing any Committee of both Houses of Parliament to oversee the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) on the lines of Employment Guarantee Scheme Committee of the Maharashtra Legislature.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) General instructions have already been issued to the Collectors to expedite the implementation of the scheme. However, whenever delay in any specific cases is brought to the notice of the Department of Programme Implementation, Government of India, the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned Collector/State Government for necessary action. Further clarifications on some of the specific issues on which doubts had been raised have been recently issued to the Collectors with a view to expedite the pace of implementation.

Interest on Money Lying in Banks for MPLADS

1229. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR.SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state: (a) what is the reason for not issuing orders that the interest accrued to the money lying in the banks in the accounts of the Collectors under MPLADS be credited to the MPLADS funds in spite of the assurance given by the Minister in Rajya Sabha;

(b) by when such orders would be issued; and

(c) the amount of interest accrued in the country as on 1st July, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) According to the available records no such assurance was given by the then Minister about interest being credited to MPLADS funds. The decision about the manner in which the interest amount accrued on MPLADS funds is to be utilised, is yet to be taken.

(c) As per the information received in respect of majority of Members of Parliament, an amount of Rs. 2424.47 lakhs has accrued as interest on the funds as on 31st March, 1996.

Allotment of vacated Quarters in Delhi

1230. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that unduly long time is taken to allot quarters vacated by the outgoing allottees in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of those quarters as on the 30th June, 1996, which have remained unallotted for over 30 days after being vacated by the outgoing allottees;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and